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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



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This week's mission feature takes a closer look at Holloman's Recycle Center.

Families Apart

Spouses and children of deployed, remote or extended temporary duty Team Holloman members are invited to the Families Apart dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, at the Community Activity Center.

Holloman Middle Two

The Holloman Middle-Two Quorum is at 1 p.m., Wednesday in the meeting room at the Oasis Enlisted Club. All Staff and Technical Sergeants are welcome to attend.

Deployed troops supported by those 'on the homefront'

The Department of Defense announced that it has teamed with USA Freedom Corps to launch "On The Home Front," a new resource for people seeking to support our troops, their families, and their communities in meaningful ways.

President George W. Bush created the USA Freedom Corps Office at the White House to foster a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility. Volunteer resources are available by calling (877) USA-CORPS, or online at <http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov>.

Although there is a long tradition of writing letters and sending care packages to troops stationed away from home, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to servicemembers forward deployed.

"There is nothing better for the morale of our troops than to know that the people back home are taking care of their loved ones and supporting the war effort," said Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S. Chu.

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt thanks Otero and Lincoln counties, Los Alamos, Las Cruces and all of New Mexico for the outpouring of support for the wing in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"Many people have expressed the de-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Slow down!

Demetria McIntosh, Katie Nielson, Noelle Perrin and Temeka Davis, walk home from school Monday. Motorists are reminded the speed limit is 15 mph before, after and midway through the school day.

Open pay cases slashed during 'Operation Fix Pay'

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force partnered with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service significantly slashed a backlog of open pay cases for airmen, in a program called Operation Fix Pay.

Two teams of Air Combat Command finance troops, including one member from Team Holloman, spent four weeks in the DFAS center in Denver, working to reduce the pay problems that affect ACC's airmen.

"Our main objective was to fix prob-

lems that affect or may affect members pay such as rank changes, reenlistments and taxes," said Senior Airman Karouna Mao, 49th Comptroller Squadron customer service technician. "A lot of research was involved, but we had access to Military Personnel Data System/Case Management System and the master military pay account to help accomplish our objective."

After two months of work, the combined teams closed over 7,300 cases for ACC and over 222 cases for Holloman leaving with less than 60 cases left open.

Although pay problems still exist, Holloman is at the end of the scale.

To ensure that number stays low, DFAS has hired an additional 40 civilians to stop the gap measure and keep the backlog down.

"The results of the programs lessen or eliminate any negative impact on the member and the mission," said Master Sgt. Donald Jenkins 49th Comptroller Squadron chief of finance customer service. "A member left not worrying about pay can focus on the mission."

Total Tax Refunds To Date:
\$1,765,325.00


Total Value of Services Provided:
\$194,730.00

Total Cost To Members:
\$0

Federal Tax Returns: 1,177
State Tax Returns: 750
Total State and Federal Tax Returns: 1,927
Returns Filed Electronically: 1,076

Holloman Tax Center
49th Fighter Wing Headquarters
Bldg. 29, Suite 2050
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Airman 1st Class Daniel Hoffmann, pediatric medical technician, takes Abigail Stille's vital signs during a checkup at the pediatric clinic in January.

Airman receives ACC, Air Force-level honors

by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 49th Medical Group airman is a leader, a lifesaver and an Air Force award winner.

The Air Force selected Airman 1st Class Daniel Hoffmann, pediatric medical technician, from more than 2,400 airmen for the 2002 Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Medical Service Technician of the Year award.

"It's an honor to represent Holloman, Air Combat Command and the Air Force," Hoffmann said. "With so many outstanding airmen in the medical service career field, it's a privilege to win this award."

During the duty day, Hoffmann and the pediatric team offer the care for Team Holloman children.

"We provide the best medical care by working as a team," Hoffmann said. "A good medical technician knows and understands a patient's needs. I think working with some of the best in the career field has helped me develop my skills and abilities to be a polished technician."

According to Hoffmann, one of the most important things in life is health.

He tackled the high-stress pediatric appointment line and managed more than 200 calls a month, to help keep Team Holloman healthy.

This recognized airman also supported the 49th Fighter Wing's three-day immunization blitz following a severe national vaccine shortage. He augmented the family practice clinic during a 25 percent manning shortage and volunteered 16 additional hours so patients could see a doctor.

"Hoffmann is an example of what airmen should portray," said Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Weir. "His attention to detail is unmatched at this time by any other technician in the Air Force. He is the epitome of what a leader should be, he is an example for his peers."

Hoffmann leads the way and raises the excellence bar on duty. His on-duty skills have been lifesaving off-duty, Weir said. When a teenage girl had fallen three stories causing a spinal injury, Hoffmann reacted like a professional medical technician, which prevented paralysis and possibly saved a life.

"It was a natural reaction to render aid to someone in need," Hoffmann said. "Thankfully, I had a medical background and was able to help the girl."

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Operations Group salutes new commander

by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An officer who is no stranger to Holloman assumed command of the 49th Operations Group Monday.

Col. Andrew Papp took the reigns from Col. Rich Treadway during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 301.

According to the 49th Fighter Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, changes of command are essential to the military because they build new leaders.

"It's an honor and a privilege to return to Holloman," Papp said. "The success of the 49th Operations Group is a result of Col. Treadway and the initiative and drive of the men and women dedicated to the organization. I'm honored to lead the team."

Papp has a long history at Holloman. He graduated Fighter Lead-In Training in 1981. Eleven years later he returned to serve as the assistant operations officer for the 415th Fighter Squadron. Once again in 1996, Papp

returned to command the F-117A Operational Test and Evaluation, Detachment 1, 79th Test and Evaluation Group. He was also assigned to the 9th Fighter Squadron. In 1998, he commanded the Screamin' Demons at the 7th Combat Training Squadron. He returned from Yongsan Barracks, Seoul, Korea to serve as the deputy group commander for the busiest group, which flies 30,000 sorties each year and the only F-117A stealth fighter operations group in the world. Now, he steps in to command this group.

"Col. Papp is an old-fashion fighter pilot who has transitioned from Tonopah to Holloman," Treadway said. "There is no officer in the Air Force who is better qualified to take command of the extraordinary men and women of this group who have made history and paved the way for a bright future."

Members of the 8th and 9th Fighter Squadrons are part of the extraordinary group, but instead of standing in formation at the change of command ceremony, they



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

Col. Andrew Papp (center) receives the 49th Operations Group guidon from Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, as Col. Rich Treadway looks on. Treadway became the 49th Fighter Wing vice commander.

are accomplishing worldwide missions in Iraq and Korea.

Treadway said goodbye to the 49th Operations Group and thanked its members for

their work and sacrifices. Treadway moved from the flightline, but continues to serve Holloman as the 49th Fighter Wing vice commander.

Commander revises policy on travel to Juarez

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Before airman run for the border, they are now required to not only have an Anti-Terrorism Level-1 briefing, but also, a local area threat briefing from OSI to ensure they are aware of the dangers in Mexico.

The required briefing is part of a general order for all 49th Fighter Wing personnel. This briefing informs them of the dangers and procedures to follow if they get into trouble. In addition to the briefing, the order states that airmen are limited to traveling to Juarez in daylight hours, they must utilize the "Buddy System," and they must notify their squadron commander or first sergeant prior to departure.

Holloman's close proximity allows people to visit Mexico's different historic sites, taste their food and experience a brand new culture. But along with crossing the border, people cross into a different set of laws that don't allow the same rights and privileges of the United States. Mexico's laws don't have exceptions for U.S. citizens nor U.S. servicemembers.

"There is no evidence of direct threats to Americans or military members in Mexico," said Office of Special Investigations Detachment 225 superintendent Agent Tim Allen. "Our biggest concern is airmen at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The objectives of the local threat briefing, which is

updated annually by OSI, heightens airmen's awareness to inform them how to keep themselves out of possible harm or dangerous circumstances.

"The briefing is essential because the intelligence community believes there has been an increase in intelligence collection efforts in Mexico because of its close proximity to the United States," said Allen. "As airmen, they have to be aware when people start asking suspicious questions about things such as deployments. If an airmen comes in contact with someone asking suspicious questions, they need to contact OSI."

Along with the local threat briefing, airmen must receive an Anti-Terrorism Level-1 briefing annually.

"If folks do nothing else during the five-minute slide show, they should print out the slide with the phone number to the United States consulate," said Allen. "The United States consulate general is our voice in a foreign country. That is the number they need to call if they get into trouble."

According to Allen, neither OSI, a first sergeant or a commander can help an airman when they are sitting in a Mexican jail.

"Holloman enjoys a large airman community. Some have never traveled out of the U.S.; a lot of them want to see these places," said Allen. "If they do not receive the appropriate training, they are opening themselves up to getting into trouble. Mexico is not a safe haven; you still

have to maintain your wits, be responsible and stay aware."

Both the Anti-Terrorism Level-1 briefing and the local area threat briefing are available on the Antiterrorism website which can be accessed through the Holloman homepage. For more information on local area threats contact AFOSI at 572-7143.

Inside the story ...

OSI has a few do's and don'ts to keep in mind when traveling to Mexico.

Do's

- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Keep a low profile.
- Limit travel to and within Mexico.
- Stay within downtown/tourist areas.
- Stay away from demonstrations and gatherings.
- Return to the U.S. at a reasonable hour in the evening.

Don'ts

- Travel alone.
- Carry firearms or ammunition.
- Enter alleys or side streets.
- Flash money, credit or ATM cards.
- Participate in illegal or suspicious activities.

If arrested

- Don't attempt to flee.
- Don't attempt to bribe law enforcement.
- Contact the U.S. consulate office for assistance at 011-52-656-611-3000.

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sire to send gift packages to our deployed personnel; others have offered financial assistance to military families and to the First Sergeant's Association to offset the cost of mailing packages to deployed personnel," he said. "The men and women of the 49th Fighter Wing, both here and deployed, are grateful for your generosity."

Servicemembers from every branch have felt the compassion of America, he

said. Every donation supports the united armed forces, so it doesn't matter who receives donations because it's one team, one force, one military.

To minimize delays and complications in sending support, DoD recommends the following:

Operation Dear Abby. Send e-mail messages to deployed troops of any service from your home state via: <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>.

Defend America. Sign an online thank you card for troops at: <http://defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>.

Operation USA Care Package. Contribute to the purchase of a care package of items forwarded troops via: <http://www.usocares.org/home>.

Gift of Groceries. Donate commissary gift certificates to military families at home: <http://www.commissaries.com>.

The Family Support Center and local

chapters of the American Red Cross, are providing ways for volunteers to help local military families. They are working with the National Guard and Reserve units, as well as with military bases, to match volunteers with families that need help at home.

To find out what type of support you can offer to Holloman Air Force Base, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Cram, 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, at 572-5406.

Integrity an airman's first core value, voice of self-control

Re-emphasizing the true foundation to successful mission accomplishment

by Chief Master Sgt. Alvis Roberson Jr.
49th Mission Support Group

As Air Force members we hold ourselves to a higher standard than most. Our core values mean more to some members than others, but nonetheless they should be an important part of each of us who wear the uniform.

I'd like to tell you what our core value of Integrity means to an old brown-shoe chief who's been in the business for 26 years.

First of all, what does the little blue Air Force booklet have to say about Integrity? It states, "Integrity is a character trait. It is the willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking. It is the "moral compass" - the inner voice; the voice of self-control; the basis for the trust imperative in today's military. Integrity is also the ability to hold together and properly regulate all of the elements of a personality. A person of integrity, for example, is capable of acting on conviction."

A person of integrity can control impulses and appetites. This is why, In-

tegrity First is our first core value, and is the true foundation to successful mission accomplishment.

An organization cannot and will not survive unless truthfulness runs rampant throughout it. Integrity lets us know the lowest ranking airman in an organization is as trustworthy as the commander - it's an awesome thing to believe in.

In my many years as a supervisor, I've told those who've worked for me, "if you're a liar or a thief, I have no place for you in my Air Force." This might sound a little harsh to some of you, but I believe in it that strongly. After all, if I can't trust you to tell me the truth, what can I trust you to do?

Integrity doesn't mean telling someone what they want to hear. You may think it's gaining you brownie points, but it's only covering up the real problems we have. Think about this: how can a person of authority make the correct decision or implement the correct policy if we all simply tell them what they want to hear? It can't happen. So, don't sugar coat problems! Have the

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integrity to tell the truth at all times and help your leaders make informed decisions.

As stated earlier, integrity means doing what's right even when no one else is watching, or when you think no one is watching. Here's a classic example: We all know the provisions of AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, yet some of you elect to forget those standards when you

claim you aren't on duty. Well if you haven't figured it out, we are all on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So, put those hats and BDU blouses on in the housing area and anytime you are outside.

Also, it's everyone's responsibility to correct those who violate the AFI. A person with integrity would not turn their head the other way, but would stop them and correct them.

Real integrity isn't easy -- it doesn't just happen and for most mere mortals. It's under assault everyday by countless forces encouraging us to do the easy expedient things versus the right things. Once we step over the line, our integrity isn't compromised ... it's gone, and restoring it can be a long ordeal, but it can be done.

So, are you a person of unquestionable integrity? Can you look at yourself in the mirror and are you pleased with who you are?

If you have any doubts then you really need to do a self-examination, because without integrity you're not embodying our first core value.

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 1 to 7.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 47 citations this week: one for abandoned vehicle, one for failure to stop plus no insurance, one for failure to stop plus improper turning, one for inoperable taillight, one for no insurance and no registration, one for no insurance, one for no registration, one for defective equipment, one for expired registration, two for careless driving, two for speeding 10 mph over the posted speed limit, five for no seatbelt, and 29 for failure to stop.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- April 1: Two soldiers reported their private-owned vehicles were damaged when a contracted

landscaping company conducted weed whacking near their vehicles.

- April 3: An NCO struck a wall at the main gate while driving his POV around the barriers.
- April 5: A civilian reported damage to his vehicle, which was not there prior to when he last drove the POV.
- April 7: An NCO reported damage to a government-owned vehicle, which wasn't there prior to the last operator's use.

Patrol Response

- April 4: An NCO was advised of his rights under Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice after failing to pay for gas at the Shoppette.
- April 5: A family member was advised of her rights under the 5th Amendment for the offense of child neglect.
- April 5: A family member had his AAFES/Commissary privileges revoked and was issued two citations for larceny and shoplifting after he attempted to shoplift at the Base Exchange.
- April 5: Two airmen were taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance, marijuana.
- April 5: Three family members were detained for breaking base curfew. They were released to their guardian and all first sergeants of the sponsors were notified.

Civil Arrest

- April 5: Two NCOs were taken into custody for battery,

criminal mischief and disorderly conduct at a local bar.

Telephone Harassment

- April 3: A family member called security forces investigations about numerous phone calls she'd received from a telemarketer. She stated her husband is deployed and that she has repeatedly asked the individual to stop calling, however the calls continued in a harassing manner. The phone company was notified and she was asked to notify investigations if the situation continues.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were seven reports of missing identification cards this week. Two were active duty IDs and five were family member IDs.

These incidents can become breaches of security. If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces immediately.

Security forces can be alerted to look for the missing item, given the information and serial numbers placed on each accountable item.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".

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Parachute rigger packs a pilot's lifesaver

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 49th Maintenance Squadron survival equipment shop member, whose prior service in the Army trained him to defend his country as an infantryman, has saved 12 pilot's lives as a civilian parachute rigger in the Air Force.

Felix Petalcu has packed over 20,000 personnel, drogue drag and drone parachutes in the last 20 years for all of Holloman's aircraft.

"I had no idea of the impact that this career would have on me," Petalcu said. "I came in this career field because I wanted a job that was challenging, I never imagined how fulfilling it would be."

The survival equipment section is required to inspect, modify, repack and repair all lifesaving equipment such as parachutes, rubber gear survival vest and g-suits used by pilots. Each chute takes about six to eight hours to pack and inspect.

According to Petalcu, parachute riggers are very conscientious about their jobs and prepare every chute as if it's going to be used.

"I double and triple check everything to make sure that it's going to do its job," Petalcu said. "I pack every chute as if I'm going to use it. After I've packed a parachute, I think to myself would I jump with this?"

According to Petalcu, packing a parachute isn't just a one-man job, and although they individually work on each chute there is team camaraderie to ensure flawlessness.

"Every parachute I pack is checked by a second set of eyes," he said. "All our parachutes require two to four in-process inspections before they finally leave to ensure it's in tip-top shape."

Petalcu has made many saves including the pilot of the only F-117A Night-hawk to go down in combat. He saved the pilot and navigator of a German F-4 Phantom, which collided with another German F-4 north of Holloman in 1996. His most recent save was a T-38 pilot who crashed in Florida.

"When I hear that a plane has gone down my first concern is the pilot," Petalcu said. "Who packed the chute doesn't even cross my mind until I know that he landed safely."

After the pilot has landed safely and Petalcu is notified that it was he who packed the parachute he said, "It's an indescribable feeling to know I saved someone's life; each time I'm left without words. It's extremely gratifying when a pilot comes back and says thank you."

Petalcu has saved many lives but he said the most fulfilling part of the job is training airmen.

"When I was in training, I was given some advice that I still use and pass on to other airmen," he said. "It's not just a job; it could be someone's life. When all goes wrong with the aircraft, we are their last chance to survive."

An old saying goes 'The last thing a pilot needs to think about when he's about to eject is if his parachute will work correctly.'

"Pilots can gain peace of mind knowing there are riggers like Petalcu who understand that there are no second chances in this career field," said George Mirabal, 49th MS survival equipment shop civilian supervisor.

"When I'm inspecting or packing any parachute, I pay close attention to detail so that I am positive my chute will live up to the rigger's motto, 'The last to let you down.'"



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Felix Petalcu, parachute rigger, performs a final quality check on a parachute that will possibly save a pilot's life.

Abnormal animal behavior warrants attention

By Lorna Schuster
Sunburst staff writer

As the weather gets warmer, people and their pets spend more time in the sunshine. But along with the ball games and walks in the neighborhood, comes a slight increase in the number of animal bite and scratch cases seen at the 49th Medical Operations Squadron clinic.

Each of these cases poses a potential threat of a rabies infection.

"The rabies disease is caused by a virus found in the saliva of infected warm-blooded animals and is transmitted to pets and humans by bites, scratches, or possibly the contamination of an open cut or wound," said Staff Sgt. Russell Thomas, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron communicable diseases NCOIC.

According to Thomas, the most com-

mon transmitters of rabies are infected bats, raccoons, foxes, skunks, dogs and cats. In rare cases, infected domestic farm animals, groundhogs, weasels, and other wild carnivores can also spread the disease.

An infected animal will display any of several symptoms of the rabies disease such as sudden changes of behavior and daytime activity in a nocturnal species. Warning signs also include growling, chewing with exaggeration, dropping food or showing frustration, distress or anger when attempting to eat. In later stages of the disease the animal will circle, stagger, bite at the air, appear weak or paralyzed or have seizures.

"A dog staggering down Main Street foaming at the mouth isn't the typical threat anymore," Thomas said. "Rabies exposures occur when well meaning people attempt to help sick or injured animals, when curi-

ous children approach or provoke wild animals or strays, or when unvaccinated family pets are let out at night."

People can prevent family members and pets from being infected with rabies by following the law.

"Base regulations and New Mexico state law require that pet owners vaccinate their dogs and cats against rabies once a year," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Bell, Army Animal Care Specialist and Holloman Veterinary Services NCOIC. "We offer the yearly vaccination shot for \$5."

Thomas also suggests that people avoid direct contact with wild animals or strays. These animals should never be brought into the home and people should secure trash cans and pet food as well so as not to attract them. Sick animals should be reported to the animal control unit or an ani-

mal rescue group in the local area.

"Any bite or scratch case must be reported to the base clinic as soon as possible," Thomas said.

Those who are bitten or scratched by a wild animal or stray should note the animal's location and description and call Security Forces at 572-7171. If the animal is a pet, officials will need the owner's name, address and proof of current rabies vaccination. All pets involved in bite or scratch cases must be confined and observed for 10 days.

If you are bitten or scratched, you should wash the wound with warm soapy water for at least 10 minutes and call your physician or the Ambulance Response Element at once," Thomas said. "If needed, rabies shots could save your life if administered within a few days of the animal bite or scratch."

DWI Update

Days since last DWI	36	<u>Last six DWIs:</u>	<u>572-RIDE works!</u>
DWIs year to date	12	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
DWIs this time last year	10	• 49 MMS March 1	Calls:
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	Year to date: 200
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	Last week: 12
		• 49 LRS Jan. 4	
		• 49 GAF Nov. 22	

(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The * denotes the DWI is a family member or civilian employee.)

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Holloman Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
• Protestant Religious Education, 9:30 a.m.
• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
• Catholic Religious Education, 11 a.m.
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
• Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
Call 572-7214 for more information.

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Commander’s Access Channel

The commander’s access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander’s access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Air Combat Command Access: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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Chapel Easter schedule

During the Catholic Holy Week, the worship schedule is as follows:

- Palm Sunday: Mass at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Monday: Lenten Penance service at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: Daily Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday: No Daily Mass; Holy Thursday Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m.
- April 18: A Day of Fast and Abstinence; Good Friday service at 3 p.m.
- April 19: Easter Vigil Mass and reception at 8 p.m.
- April 20: Easter Mass 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt following Mass. No CCD and no evening Mass.

The Protestant Easter Schedule is as follows:

- Palm Sunday: Worship service at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Walk with Jesus, children's program, at 2 p.m.
- Thursday: Maundy Thursday Communion at 12 p.m.
- April 18: Good Friday service at 12 p.m.
- April 20: Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m. at White Sands National Monument; Easter services at 11 a.m. No evening service or Sunday School.

For more information call the Base Chapel at 572-7211.

Graduation day

A base-wide graduation ceremony is at 2 p.m., April 17 at the enlisted club.

For more information, call the Base Training and Education Services at 572-3971.

WSMR Century Bike Ride

White Sands Missile Range Outdoor Recreation sponsors the first ever Century Road Ride Saturday starting at the Tularosa High School football field and going 108 miles, including a ride at the missile range. Cost is \$25 and participants must register by today.

For more information, call 678-1713.

A/C startup

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning section begins A/C startups Monday. Units will be serviced, tested and started by May 17. HVAC starts with dormitories, then office areas and ends with industrial areas.

Housing Maintenance crews begin servicing coolers in family housing

On the BIG SCREEN

Cradle to the Grave

7 p.m. and 10 p.m., today and Saturday

Gods and Generals

7 p.m., Sunday

The Life of David Gale

7 p.m., Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

For their safety

Potter waits in his cage in the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program van Wednesday. SNAP spayed and neutered over 70 animals at Holloman. Spaying and neutering pets helps control over population and reduces risks for cancer. For more information about spaying and neutering pets call 572-3303.

Tuesday. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday: 2210A-2227D and 2400A-2415B
- Wednesday to Thursday: 2228A-2249B and 2416A-2411
- April 18-21: 2250A-2269B and 2442-2486B
- April 21-22: 2269C-2299B and 2487-2489B
- April 22-23: 2300A-2308A and 2501A-2540B
- April 23-24: 2308B-2354A and 2541A-2585A
- April 25-28: 2354B-2393B and 2585B-2599B

If residents are not available during the scheduled conversion day, appointments can be scheduled April 29-30.

For more information, call 572-7901.

Nuclear job opportunity

The nuclear weapons maintenance career field has opportunities for E-8s to cross into the 2W291 Air Force Specialty Code.

Applicants must be E-8 or a selectee, have top-secret security clearance and comply with the requirements outlined for the Personal Reliability Program in Air Force Instruction 36-2104. Training for the positions will be conducted on the job. Anyone interested may apply at the Military Personnel Flight.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Daubach at (703)

695-0809, DSN 225-0809 or e-mail anthony.daubach@pentagon.af.mil.

E-7, E-8 volunteers needed

Palace Envoy requests volunteers to fill senior NCO requirements for the Bilateral Affairs Office, Office of Defense Cooperation, in Albania, Bosnia, Macedonia and Moldova.

The BAO executes the Joint Contact Team Program, a high priority, and high visibility effort of national importance. The JCTP mission requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries that have had few previous contacts with the U.S. Military. The tour length is 179 days and is funded by U.S. European Command Nominations for Albania and Macedonia are due April 25, and those for Bosnia and Moldova are due June 6.

Anyone interested should contact Master Sgt. Andy Best, Military Personnel customer support superintendent, at 572-2258.

Watering schedule

Occupants in odd-numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays.

Occupants in even-numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Watering hours are from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Newly seeded areas can be watered daily until the first mowing.

For more information, call the Housing Maintenance Office at 572-7901.

Golf tournament correction

The Low Gross/Net Golf Tournament starts at 8 a.m., Saturday at the Apache Mesa Golf Course. Apache Mesa also hosts a tournament April 21.

For more information call, the Apache Mesa Golf Course at 572-3571.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse Employment Workshop: 12:30 p.m., Monday
- Three-Day Transition Assistance: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday
- Disability Transition Program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday

For more information, call 572-7754 or visit the FSC website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Crystal Bingo

All Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club members are invited to attend Crystal Bingo at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at the Holloman Officers' Club.

Reservations must be made by 12 p.m., Monday to: Lisa McKeon at 479-4894 for last names beginning with A-M, and Dawn Kelly at 479-1261 for last names beginning with N-Z.

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Eye on the ball

MXS/AMMO second baseman Rusty Wilson keeps his eye on a pitch during their first preseason intramural softball win against LRS B, 18-6 Monday.

Holloman's Funakoshi Shotokan team qualify for the World Championship

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman's Team Funakoshi Shotokan took second and fifth place in the black belt division at the U.S. nationals in Albuquerque, N.M. April 3 to 6.

The tournament was comprised of more than 1,200 competitors.

Dutch Farinas, placed second and Marco Daehn placed fifth in the black belt division. Both Farinas and Daehn missed first and fourth place respectively by three tenths of a point. Both still qualified for the World Championships July 10 to 13 in New Orleans.

"The competition was fierce because it was not only shotokan style involved, it was composed of all traditional karate styles," Farinas said "We also had to overcome the nervousness. With 1,200 competitors and about 200 to 300 in the audience, it was hard not to get tense."

The team has been preparing for the tournament since January, working a total of 11.5 hours per week. Their training is composed of "Jiyu Kumite," free sparring, "Kata," forms training and regular aerobic and weight lifting training.

Shotokan karate is a no-nonsense type of martial art, said Farinas. It is a counter attack type of karate, a defensive style. The style originated in Kyushu, Is-

land of Okinawa and Master Gichin Funakoshi introduced it to Japan.

"We didn't expect too much from this competition because it was our very first national tournament," said Farinas, Holloman's Shotokan instructor. "This tournament was organized as 'The Best of the Best,' which means there were two elimination rounds before the finals. Our main goal was to place within the top 15 and prepare for next year. We didn't expect to do so well."

The World Championship is only three months away and Team Funakoshi Shotokan is continuing to train hard for the big competition.

"Our main goal was to place well in tournaments," said Farinas. "We've accomplished that and gone beyond. We accomplished a dream of every martial artist — we qualified for the World Championship."

This was Sensi Farina's last competition with Holloman's team. He will be PCSing to Korea and handing over his instructor position for Garcia and Farinas Martial Arts to shodan student Daehn. Daehn will also take over as the state representative for Funakoshi Shotokan.

Shotokan karate classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. For more information contact the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.

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